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SUBJECT: JUNE 78 HOME APPLIANCES SPECIALIZED MISSION

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1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO REF. A QUESTIONS.

A. KUWAIT CITY

B. KITCHEN COMPACTORS, SLOW TIMED COOKERS, AND NEW-TO-MARKET PRODUCTS FOR THE KITCHEN OR AROUND THE HOUSE. SALEABILITY DEPENDS PRIMARILY ON PRICE COMPETITIVENESS OF PRODUCT LINE WITH THOSE PRESENTLY IMPORTED AND SECONDARILY ON MARKET APPEAL.

C. MARKET FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE, BUT LARGE, MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM UNDERWAY INDICATES PROMISING MARKET.
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D. IMPORT DUTY IS GENERAL 4 PERCENT AD VALOREM. PRICING SHOULD BE C. AND F. NO CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS.

E. EEC AND JAPAN

F. PENNSYLVANIA IOGA AND GENERAL EXODUS FROM KUWAIT

IN JUNE.N

G. N/A

2. THE FOLLOWING COST ESTIMATES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS PARA 3 REF. A:

A. 1978 HOTEL RATES CAN BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE 10 TO 20 PERCENT OR MORE ABOVE THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS. SINGLE - \$80.00; DOUBLE - \$ 105.00; SUITE - 130.00 - \$ 180.00.

B. POST WILL NOT DO ANY PRINTING OUTSIDE OF INVITATIONS, WHICH RUN FROM \$ 40.00 TO \$ 60.00 PER 100. BROCHURES, FLYERS, ETC. MUST ARRIVE 6 WEEKS PRIOR TO MISSION. INTERPRETER TRANSLATOR SERVICE IS UNNECESSARY DUE TO GENERAL USE OF ENGLISH IN BUSINESS.

C. HOTEL PHOTOGRAPHERS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN USED BY TRADE MISSIONS. PRICE CANNOT BE DETERMINED WITH ANY CERTAINTY FOR 1978 DUE TO ONGOING PRICE SPIRAL, BUT LIKELY TO RUN \$ 100 - \$ 200.

D. RECEPTION: FOOD AND HOTEL COSTS: \$ 1400.00 LIQUID REFRESHMENTS: \$ 200.00

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E. MISCELLANEOUS: CARS WITH DRIVERS: APPROXIMATELY \$53.00 PER CAR (RATIO OF 1 CAR TO 2 PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED). SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST: \$50.00 TO \$70.00 A DAY TELEX SERVICE: AVAIALBE WITHIN HOTELS, \$ 14.00 MINIMUM.

3. UNASKED QUESTION: IS POST INTERESTED IN HOME APPLIANCES TRADE MISSION? ANSWER: NOT IF PENN IOGA VISITS KUWAIT (SEE REF B AND FEATURES HOME APPLICANCES.

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